(ii) 15 additional districts with incidence of farmers' suicide.

(iii) 5 additional districts that were bifurcated and created with the district with the original name already included in NFFWP/RSVY/ BRGF. The newly created districts with new names which were left out of these programmes are now included.

(iv) 34 districts have been selected from the Planning Commission Ranking of Backwardness used for identifying NFFWP districts, viz., SC/ST population, inverse of agricultural productivity, and inverse of agricultural wages.

(v) In order to make an equitable distribution, at least two districts in addition have been selected from each special category state as well as from States whose minimum number is not covered in items (i) to (iv) above. This covers 22 districts.

(vi) 4 districts have been taken up as Learning mpact districts.

Number of days for employment under NREGA in Karnataka

1760. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the drought condition in Karnataka during 2006-07, the worst in the last 36 years, the State Government had requested the Centre to increase the number of days for employment under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, from 100 to 200 days; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government made a request to increase the number of days for employment under NREGA to 200 days. It was found that only 4% of the households demanding employment have completed 100 days and therefore first priority should be to provide 100 days of employment to remaining families. The State Government has Rs. 266.67 crore available resources out of which Rs. 183.84 crore only have been utilized upto January, 2007.

House under Indira Awas Yojana in Assam

†1761. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of house constructed and allotted to the poor and needy persons in the country, particularly in Assam, under Indira Awas Yojana during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) whether Government have achieved any success in attaining set targets in this regard; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.